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USCG PASS USGAO FOR DIR GAO HONOLULU; FRANKFURT FOR EDER,

E.O. 11652: N/A/

TAGS:GAO, ESTC, PARM

SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "CONTROLS EXERCISED OVER COMMERCIAL

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ARMS AND MUNITIONS SALES TO FOREIGN BUYERS"  
GAO; PANAMA FOR TUCKER, LAB

1. THE GAO HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT IN CONJUNCTION  
WITH SUBJECT REVIEW THAT HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS IN DEPARTMENT  
OF STATE, DEFENSE AND COMMERCE AND OTHER US GOVT AGENCIES  
IN WASHINGTON, IT PLANS TO VISIT SELECTED POSTS OVERSEAS  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULE SHOWN IN PARAGRAPH TWO.

2. SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE OF THE POST, TWO-MAN GAO TEAMS  
WOULD LIKE TO VISIT ADDRESSEE POSTS ON DATES INDICATED:

--- JIDDA: MESSRS. KIRCHNER AND OCHINKO, GAO/WASH PLUS  
MESSRS. SCHULTZ AND KENNEDY GAO/FRANKFORT, TO ARRIVE  
ABOUT OCT. 16 THRU NOV. 8;

---TEHRAN: WALTER OCHINKO, GAO/WASH AND TEAM MEMBER FROM  
GAO/FRANKFURT, TO ARRIVE ABOUT SEPTEMBER 18 FOR 6 WEEKS;

---TAIPEI: JASON FONG, GAO/WASH AND DOUGLAS TOXCOPEUS,  
GAO/HONOLULU, TO ARRIVE ABOUT SEPTEMBER 11 FOR 5 WEEKS;

---JAKARTA: SAME TEAM AS TAIWAN TO ARRIVE ABOUT OCTOBER  
16 FOR 2 WEEKS;

---QUITO: LINDA SWARZ, GAO/WASH AND TEAM MEMBER FROM GAO/  
PANAMA, TO ARRIVE ABOUT OCTOBER 5 FOR 3 TO 4 WEEKS.

3. PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WILL BE TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF  
THE EMBASSY AND MAAG IN THE SALE OF U.S. ARMS AND IN HOST  
COUNTRY DEFENSE PLANNING; TO INTERVIEW KEY CONTRACTOR  
REPS TO DISCUSS THEIR MARKETING PROCEDURES AND RELATION-  
SHIP WITH EMBASSY/MAAG. IF APPLICABLE TO DISCUSSION,  
REVIEW SECURITY ASSISTANCE PLANNING; DISCUSS ALTERNATE  
MEANS FOR CONGRESSIONAL OR U.S. GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN  
ARMS SALES. IN EACH COUNTRY, 1 TO 2 CASES OF RECENT  
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SALES WILL BE EXPLORED IN DEPTH BOTH IN TERMS OF REVIEW  
OF AVAILABLE RECORDS AND INTERVIEWS.

4. FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, EXACT  
DATES HOTEL RESERVATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED AND OTHER  
SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS WILL BE TELEGRAPHED BY RESPECTIVE  
GAO OFFICE AS SOON AS THIS IS KNOWN.

5. IT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO  
THE GAO AND TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE  
GUIDELINES OF 4 FAM 930-934. POST SHOULD PAY PARTICULAR  
ATTENTION TO POLICY CONTAINED PAR 934.2 REGARDING  
DOCUMENT ACCESS AND RELEASE. ISSUE HAS ARISEN BECAUSE  
GAO HAS REQUESTED FULL DETAILS ON POSITIONS AND RE-  
COMMENDATIONS TAKEN IN THE COURSE OF INTERNAL DECISION  
MAKING. ANY QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS THAT SHOULD ARISE  
DURING THE COURSE OF THE VISIT, PARTICULARLY REGARDING  
GAO ACCESS TO AND/OR RETENTION OF DEPARTMENT FILES OR  
DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

6. THE DEPARTMENT CERTIFIES THAT MESSRS. NEWMAN,  
OCHINKO AND KIRCHNER HAVE TOP SECRET CLEARANCE; MR. FONG

AND MS. SWARZ HOLD SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCE. GAO  
REGIONAL OFFICES IN FRANKFURT, PANAMA AND HONOLULU WILL  
PROVIDE CERTIFICATION FOR ITS STAFF. CHRISTOPHER

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